

(vii) Purchase preference;

(viii) Liberalised patterns of assistance for SC/STs.

(ii) The Development of Small scale industries has been given high priority in the programme of Industrial Development of the country. To fulfil the various requirements of the small scale industries sector, the Government have taken a number of measures including provision of institutional support and package of incentives & concessions like concessional finance, excise benefits, marketing support through reservation of items for exclusive production, reservation items for purchase from small scale units, machinery on hire purchase, technical consultancy services, testing facilities, common facilities services, and other infrastructural facilities. Entrepreneur desirous of setting up SSI units in shoe industry can also avail of the above mentioned facilities.

(e) Allotment of industrial plots is at par with other industries.

Drinking Water Problem in Villages

3698. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the states having villages where there is not a single source of drinking water;

(b) the number of such other problem villages where the available water is saline in taste and contains iron element, flouride or other poisonous elements;

(c) whether the Government propose to launch any time bound special scheme for solving the problem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The names of the

States still having 'No Source' problem villages are as under:—

Sl. No.	State	No. of 'No Source' problem villages as on 30-6-1991
1.	Assam	87
2.	Bihar	2
3.	Gujarat	50
4.	Haryana	70
5.	Himachal Pradesh	728
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	662
7.	Madhya Pradesh	73
8.	Maharashtra	52
9.	Meghalaya	1006
10.	Nagaland	19
11.	Orissa	1086
12.	Punjab	754
13.	Rajasthan	137
14.	Tripura	10
15.	Uttar Pradesh	446
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(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government has sanctioned special allocation of Rs. 250 crores for coverage of 'No Source' problem villages within a period of two years. Safe drinking water facilities will be provided to partially covered villages/ population in rural areas within 5 years under a special crash programme to be named after Rajiv Gandhi and by using the resources under the existing Plan programmes of State Sector Minimum Needs Programme, Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme etc.